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INAUGURATION OF PRES. ANDERSON

An impressive service of inauguration for Dr. Stuart LeRoy Anderson, the new President of Pacific School of Religion, was held at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on the evening of February 19. Taking part in the service and ceremony were: Dr. William E. McCormack, Bishop Karl Morgan Block, Dr. Galen M. Fisher, Dr. Hugh Vernon White, National Moderator Vere V. Loper, Mr. Philip N. McCombs, Bishop Donald Tippett, Rev. Gaines M. Cook, and Dean Earl Cranston. The inaugural address was given by Stuart LeRoy Anderson.

Representatives of many denominations, theological seminaries and colleges marched in the inaugural procession. Music was provided by the Pacific School of Religion Chapel Choir. The following ministers of this Conference were present, representing their alma maters: Clarence Reidenbach, Yale University and Divinity School; John W. Rahill, Williams College; Benton S. Gaskell, Hartford Seminary Foundation; Vere V. Loper, Grinnell College; Willis L. Goldsmith, Washburn Municipal University; and John Charles Mickle, Talladega College. As members of the Conference on the PSR faculty, also in the procession were: George T. Tolson, Hugh Vernon White, Vere V. Loper, Robert E. Fitch, Ralph Hyslop, and J. Arthur Casaday. Our Conference representative was Dr. Harley H. Gill, with George Lindsay for the Alumni Association of PSR and Sidney H. Buckham as a trustee of the school.

LAYMEN'S SCHOOLS

Plans are under way for the annual Laymen's Schools of Churchmanship, which will be held after Easter this year. As the PACIFIC goes to press, the program and speakers are not complete, but further information will be mailed out to the laymen soon.

The Laymen's Board of Directors has decided that discussion groups will be held under the following headings: Duties of Deacons, Duties of Trustees, Christianity and World Affairs, Building Improvements and Church Architecture. President Herbert Hilker, Harry E. Drobish of Oroville, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will be on all of the programs, and other local leaders in each area will take part.

The places and dates of the Laymen's Schools are as follows:

April 8—Petaluma, First Church.
April 15—Fresno, Free Cross.
April 22—Sacramento, Pioneer.
April 29—Berkeley, PSR.

The meetings will begin at 10:00 a. m. and end at 4:00 p. m. Luncheon will be served at each session.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25—Easter.
April 8—Laymen's School, Petaluma.
April 15—Laymen's School, Fresno.
April 22—Laymen's School, Sacramento.
April 29—Laymen's School, Berkeley.
May 18-20—Annual Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

EASTER MESSAGE

What does Easter mean to you?
Stately church with cushioned pew,
Where, Lenten season gone at last
And days of self-denial past,
Richly-clad, devoted throngs
Of worshipers unite in songs
Of praise in lily-scented air?
Is this what makes your Easter fair?

Does it mean the end of winter's reign,
Bright skies and welcome warmth again,
Singing of birds, budding of trees,
Sweet spring odors on the breeze
From daffodil and crocus bed
And balsam branches overhead?
Sad is the world and cold and gray
If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings
A firmer faith in holy things;
Assurance of a living Lord;
A strengthening of the tender chord
Of love that binds us to the life to come
Where loved ones 'wait us in the heavenly home,
No pain or loss can e'er efface the bliss,
Dear friend of Easter, when it means all this.

—Mary Ricker Conard
(Mother of Ralph Conard)

HILLCREST WELCOMED

The Upper Bay Association of Congregational Churches met as an ecclesiastical council on Sunday, February, 25 to examine the new Hillcrest Congregational Church for acceptance into the Association. Rev. Gifford M. Webster presided over the meeting as moderator, and the session was held in the First Congregational Church of Martinez at 4:00 p. m. After the credentials of the new church had been examined and pertinent data reviewed, it was voted to receive the Hillcrest Church into the Association.

Following the business session, many of the visiting delegates joined a motor caravan to the site of the Hillcrest Church at Gregory Gardens, a few miles north of Walnut Creek. They returned to Martinez at 6:00 p. m. for dinner served by the ladies of the Hillcrest Church and then joined in a service of worship at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Gifford Webster presided, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Harold Robinson, an American Board missionary from China. Music was provided by the Martinez choir, and the following ministers took part in the service: Elmer Benedict, pastoral prayer; Sidney H. Buckham, scripture reading; Frank E. Carlson, the charge to the church; Donald Gaylord, the welcome to the church; and Robert L. Carlson, the benediction.

All of the churches of this Conference join in a hearty welcome to the Hillcrest Congregational Church, which begins its affiliation in our fellowship with so much promise.

S. F. Sunrise Service

The annual Easter sunrise service in San Francisco will be held on Mount Davidson at 6:07 a. m. The sermon will be preached by Rev. LeRoy Nattress. Others taking part in the service will be Rev. Neal K. McGowan, Rev. John H. Creighton, and Major Harold G. Barry. Music will be furnished by the Treasure Island Chapel Choir and the Municipal Band.

Rev. Lawrence Granger and Mrs. Sidney Buckham on the hill in Calaveras County where our churches at Murphys and Angel's Camp will hold an Easter sunrise service.

Ministers' Dinner

On February 21 during the Pastoral Conference at Pacific School of Religion, a goodly company of Congregational ministers and their wives gathered for dinner at First Church, Berkeley. Rev. Herbert Gans, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Conference, was the master of ceremonies. President Stuart LeRoy Anderson and Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave brief talks, and the rest of the program was turned over to Rev. Philip G. Murray, chairman of the Conference Committee of Evangelism and Devotional Life. Mr. Murray called upon certain members of his committee for brief comments on their plans for the current year in the promotion of evangelism in the Conference. The ministers who spoke were: Ernest Fowler, Gifford Webster, and Jerald Snavely.

THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

The Church is a family—a society of brothers and sisters whose highest privilege is mutual helpfulness. A good name for it is "The Household of Faith." The head of the family is God. The family has its traditions, customs, memories, anniversaries, its plans and joys and hopes. Christians who are not confessed members of this family are not acting the part of considerate brothers and sisters. They are wanderers. They should come home. They should take their places at the family table. They should do their share of the household work. They should participate in the family celebrations. They should do what they can to make the church the fitting figure and symbol of "the city of the living God." He who holds aloof from the church subtracts from its efficiency and retards the progress of the purposes of God.

—Charles E. Jefferson

EXTENSION DIRECTOR CALLED TO COLORADO

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, for the past four years Director of Church Extension for the Northern California Congregational Conference, has accepted a call to the First Congregational Church of Boulder, Colorado, and will begin his duties there on April 1.

Dr. Buckham came to his post on the Conference staff from the Congregational Church of San Mateo, California, where he had led the church in steady and significant growth for ten years. He came to the Conference knowing that the position which had been created would be a temporary one. He was willing to undertake it even when there was no assurance that it would last more than two years. At the end of that two years, the Conference Board, in recognition of the work he was doing and the opportunities which remained to be met, extended the call for another two years.

The Centennial Fund was launched and reached the total of about five-sixths of the goal. This made possible the launching of several new churches. In all of them, Dr. Buckham had a very important part in their development. Sacramento Oak Park, Modesto, La Selva Beach, San Francisco St. John's (Forest Hill), Mira Vista, and Hillcrest (Pleasant Hill)) have all been developed during this period. In addition, he has been of special aid at San Francisco Ocean View and Santa Rosa. He has led studies of surveys at Oakland Plymouth, Palo Alto, Ray Park, Cloverdale, Stockton, Vallejo, San Jose, and other areas. He has been called upon by scores of other churches for his special service. In all this, he has been a friend to ministers, a valued adviser to churches, and a devoted leader in our fellowship.

In going to Boulder, he will be pastor of the oldest Congregational church in the Colorado Conference and one of the leading churches in the mountain area. Boulder is the seat of the University of Colorado with 8,000 students, and to a very large degree the church which Dr. Buckham will serve, is the campus church. This will give him a very significant opportunity to work with both faculty and students.

The churches and ministers of our fellowship, while regretting to see him leave the state, rejoices with him in the new opportunity and express their affectionate good wishes for his greatest success and our certainty regarding the high quality of service which he will bring to the Colorado fellowship.

—H.H.G.

DR. SUSAN T. SARGENT

Dr. Susan Tallmon Sargent of Berkeley, retired medical missionary from China, passed away on Wednesday, February 21. Dr. Sargent was a native of Iowa, and went to China in 1905. She married the Rev. Benjamin F. Sargent in 1916 and returned to the United States to live in Berkeley. Mr. Sargent passed away in 1930. Dr. Sargent is survived by five sisters. She had made her home at 331 Vicente Road in Berkeley and died after a lengthy illness at the age of 78.

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THE CHURCH MEETING HAS A REVIVAL

At the Midwinter meetings of the Congregational Boards in Grand Rapids in January, Dr. Albert Stauffacher presented an old Congregational practice which came to most of us as a completely new idea. It was suggested by members of the Missions Council staff that the "church meeting" be revived in our churches and that this practice be given emphasis in our denomination for the next biennium. We present briefly some of the ideas that Dr. Stauffacher proposed with regard to this ancient custom, which may well bring a vital force for good into our fellowship.

"The Church Meeting is the deliberate and disciplined way in which a Church as CHURCH, seeks to bring itself under the rule of Christ. It is held for the specific and avowed purpose of endeavoring to know what is the Will of Christ for this company of His people. It seeks to establish the consensus of the membership on the basis of their responsibility, individual and corporate, as Christians.

"The Church Meeting is not the 'Annual Meeting'. It is held more frequently than the Annual Meeting and at regular intervals. It transacts the business of the Church, both fiscal and spiritual, at each meeting according to necessity. Again, it makes its decisions on the basis of the revealed will of God in Christ and it does this whether the question be to purchase a rug, to build a new church, to call a minister, or to support Our Christian World Mission.

"Again, the Church Meeting is not simply the Prayer Meeting, though it is a prayerful meeting. The members of the Church as they meet, come together not simply for devotion, but for devotion and responsible decision as a Church.

"The Church Meeting is not simply a discussion group, but a discussion group plus. There is discussion, but there is much more. The Church Meeting has responsibility for the welfare of the Church. This means that the question propounded to the Meeting (and it is characteristic that a question is propounded at every Meeting) will be faced seriously and responsibly with a view to finding the Mind of Christ for His people in regard to it. This means that, in addition to discussion and decision, the Meeting should be preceded by worship, sustained and authentic, and that the discussion to follow will proceed not on the basis of mere partisanship, prudence, or economy, but rather on the basis of God's Will for His people revealed in Christ under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

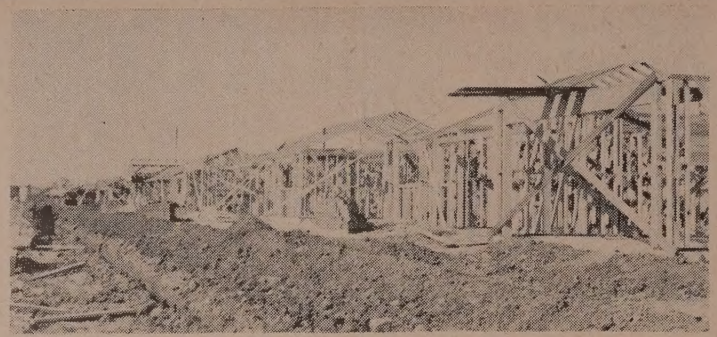
"There are two principles which underlie the theory and practice of the Church Meeting.

"First, there is the conviction that the Church has a corporate life of its own. It is more than the gathering of individual women and men who come together in order to be instructed, inspired, and strengthened, so that they may go away and lead better lives as individual persons. The Christian Church is itself a people, a new society, a new type of community. . . .

"The second principle behind the Church Meeting is that the fellowship of believers can be truly the Church only if it makes regular and disciplined provision for understanding, and responding to, the present and the living Lordship of Christ in its existence as a Christian community. It is this fact which points to the difference between a "democratic" gathering endeavoring to articulate the voice of the people, or at least the voice of the majority, and a Congregational Church Meeting whose purpose is to hear and answer the Word of God in Jesus Christ. . . .

"The Church Meeting should include the discussion of, and responsible decision on, a real question. The questions put before the Meeting will deal with the fundamental concerns of the Church's faith, witness, and action, in its own life, its parish, its community, and the world. . . .

"Clearly, a serious consideration of the revival of the Church Meeting as a means of doing the essential business of the Christian Church, would mean the renewal of the Church itself in its faith and worship, and in its work and mission. Clearly also, such a revival among us would mean the renewal of Christian discipline."



CONSTRUCTION AT PLEASANT HILL CONTINUES

Conference Strategy Committee Calls For Suggestions

In 1948, a "Strategy Committee" was appointed by the Board of Directors of the Conference. The purpose of this committee is to explore methods of improving our total Conference program so that we may render more effective service to local churches and give better support to our National Boards. Mrs. James H. Price served as chairman of the committee for two years, and Rev. Richard Norberg is now at the helm.

If you have any suggestions for better ways of doing things in our Northern California fellowship, please get in touch with Mr. Norberg. He will see that your ideas are brought before the Strategy Committee at the next meeting.

THE NEW "ADVANCE"

Our national magazines, **Advance** and **Missionary Herald,** will be consolidated into one magazine, which will be issued 24 times a year. The newly constituted publication will still be called **Advance,** and will first appear on March 19. It will be sent to all current subscribers of both the old **Advance** and the **Missionary Herald.** The subscription cost of the new magazine will be $3.00 per year. Clubs of 10 people or more in the same church may receive it for $2.50 per year each. If a church sends in a number of subscriptions equaling 10% of the resident members as reported in the Year Book the price will be $2.00 per year for each subscriber.

STUDENT SKIERS

The United Student Fellowship of Northern California and Western Nevada, which includes all Congregational students and college-age young people, held a snow retreat at Lake Tahoe, March 2 to 4. The group met at Zephyr Point Lodge for a week-end of snow sports, fellowship, and inspiration. A chartered Greyhound bus transported young people from San Mateo, San Francisco First, Berkeley First, and Sacramento Pioneer Churches. Rev. Terence Stoker of San Mateo was in charge of the trip.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Religious Emphasis Week was observed at the University of California from February 15 to 22. Among the speakers were Rev. Claude Collins, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, San Francisco; Rabbi Saul White, president of the Northern California Association of Rabbis; and Rev. Donald Stewart, professor of Christian Education at San Francisco Theological Seminary. A series of religious seminars was conducted during the week on the subject, "Faith for These Days." Seven committees, headed by student leaders, planned the week's program. Kenneth Kinnear of Plymouth House, Berkeley, was the chairman of Religious Emphasis Week.

Church Absenteeism On The Pacific Coast

One of the most evident weaknesses of our Protestant churches on the West Coast is a kind of absenteeism which makes people who are members of churches farther East feel justified in maintaining their membership outside the community in which they live. Actually it may help their old church, but not as much as it hurts the church they might choose in the neighborhood where they live. This is something for a great many people which ought to be straightened out.

First, let me ask what we joined when we became members of a church. We actually joined Christ. We pledged Him our loyalty and support. Of course, we said that it would be in the church group we knew, but we surely meant our pledge to have larger dimensions than that, much larger.

Second, we know that simply watching others worship, hearing a sermon from a strange minister, observing unidentified ushers, musicians and leaders do their work — all this is empty and finally not good enough to hold our attention and loyalty. We really need to get on the "team," to feel that we are known and wanted, to know our leaders and those who accept tasks however small in Christ's work.

Third, our spiritual needs mount whether we know it or not unless we take care of them. Like parts of a machine which is not properly oiled we finally show the wear or actually break down.

Fourth, there is no other way where by people can accomplish their hopes outside some organization and thoughtful effort. We must cooperate or perish. The Church, any branch of it, offers you a place in its organization which thus makes your Christian commitment logical and intelligent.

So, we shall do our part together to straighten out a part of the Protestant weakness on the West Coast.

—William E. McCormack

FAMILY CAMPS IN 1951:
July 7-14—Rev. James P. Senter, Director.
August 11 - 18 — Rev. Lawrence Granger, Director.

A GOOD START FOR 1951

	Appt. Jan. 11 to Feb. 28,'50	Appt. Jan. 11 to Feb. 28,'51
Auburn	$ 25.00	$
Benicia		20.00
Berkeley, First	1,364.98	1,710.11
North	163.50	124.55
Northbrae		400.00
South	67.77	128.35
Cloverdale	9.40	
Cotati	10.00	
Crockett		26.89
Elk Grove		77.38
Etna	9.65	35.07
Eureka	134.13	131.19
Fairfax		22.65
Fresno, First		1,133.89
Japanese		47.50
Glen Ellen	55.00	
Guerneville	25.00	75.00
Hayward	200.00	
Lodi, First	289.41	418.82
Loleta		5.00
Martinez	102.19	222.70
Modesto	14.15	
Murphys	5.00	
Oakland, First	921.27	1,000.00
Japanese		12.00
New Pilgrim	41.86	59.86
Plymouth	226.73	373.02
Pacific Grove	35.48	
Palo Alto		767.65
Paradise	120.00	120.00
Penngrove	18.90	
Pescadero	12.50	
Pittsburg	152.66	97.91
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest		88.87
Porterville	700.00	
Redwood City	16.11	
Ripon	52.32	24.81
Sacramento, Pioneer	250.00	500.00
Sierra Arden		150.00
Salida	3.75	
San Carlos	160.00	230.00
San Francisco, First	166.75	235.17
Park Presidio	89.49	65.06
St. John's		10.00
Sanger		43.04
San Jose	393.34	171.00
San Mateo	300.00	300.00
Santa Cruz	200.00	227.94
Santa Rosa	76.62	38.48
Sebastopol	180.67	
Sonoma	29.95	75.00
Soquel		26.54
Stockton	178.15	156.81
Suisun		25.00
Sunol		11.90
Tulare	115.00	220.00
Reno, Nevada	96.65	93.55
Pilgrim Fellowship		774.59
Miscellaneous	435.00	45.00
	$7,448.38	$10,522.30

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PALO ALTO—Sixty members of ... church made a house to house ...vey of the area allocated the church ... its relocation, Sunday afternoon, ...bruary 18. About 1,000 homes ...re visited—140 families expressed ...erest in participation in the church ...en it moved into the area—185 ...ildren were listed as potential Sun... y School members, and 118 adults ...dicated that they would be interested ... attending worship. Mr. Elbert ...nover met with the church Friday ...ernoon and evening, February 23, ...owing pictures and speaking con...rning the problems of building for ...rship, education, and fellowship. A ...ance committee has been appointed ... organize a financial campaign for ...e purchase of a new site and erection ... a new building. It is now investi...ting professional fund-raising organ...ations, to guide the church in its ...mpaign.

SAN CARLOS—Founders' Day was ...bserved on Sunday, February 18. At ...e close of the service appropriate ...remonies were conducted under the ...wer of the new church building, ...hich was dedicated on October 16, ...949. Historical data was placed in ...e floor of the tower and a bronze ...laque laid. The church is sponsoring ... displaced person from Russia, who ...nded recently in San Francisco. The ...ossal in the Memorial Prayer Chapel ...as been exhibited as an outstanding ...xample of church art in Northern ...alifornia.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH—A ser...es of Lenten programs is being held ...n this church on Wednesday evenings ...s a "School of Christian Living." ...he ushers committee held a breakfast ...n Sunday, March 4. Rev. Philip G. ...Murray was one of the discussion ...roup leaders at the Pastoral Confer...nce at Pacific School of Religion.

FRESNO, JAPANESE—The annu...l meeting of the church was held on ...ebruary 11. Written reports from all ...of the departments of the church were ...ead. It was voted to hold a Japanese ...Congregational Church Federation ...meeting in the month of May and to ...conduct evangelistic meetings at the ...ame time.

SANTA CRUZ—A new organ con...sole has been installed as a gift from ...the Branciforte Women's Group at a ...cost of $1,400. The Recreation and ...Youth Work Committees sponsored ...a family night dinner on February 11. ...Rev. Ed Cunningham is preaching a ...series of Lenten sermons on the sub...ject, "Behold the Man!"

BERKELEY, CHINESE—Race Re...lations Sunday was observed on Feb...ruary 11. Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr., ...minister of the South Berkeley Com...munity Church, preached the sermon. ...Mr. Adolph Bozonier, a violinist with ...the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, ...provided music for the occasion. The ...pastor, Dr. Hoh Yam Tong, and his ...wife served lunch after the service.

CEDARVILLE - EAGLEVILLE—...The minister of these churches, Rev. ...Charles A. McCalmon, has been vis...iting ranchers in Surprise Valley on a ...financial drive. He has been assisted ...by Rev. Rowland Dow of Alturas. ...The drive yielded over $2,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE ...UNITED—It has been voted to have ...a complete overhaul of the heating ...system of the church. A series of ...friendship dinners is being held ...through March. Supt. Harley H. Gill ...spoke at the dinner on March 7 on ...the subject, "Christian Imperatives." ...Rev. J. Paul Coleman is the pastor.

NILES—This church is now being used by the Washington Township Council for the released time program in Niles. Approximately 140 Protestant children attend classes each Wednesday. The faculty is composed of ministers and volunteers from the churches represented. The church was host to a Pilgrim Fellowship workshop on February 24. Members of 15 East Bay groups were present. A preaching mission is being held each Sunday evening during Lent with visiting speakers. Rev. Alfred Paul Focht is using the Beatitudes as his sermon topic during Lent. A nursery is now in operation during morning services for convenience of parents with small children.

SAN MATEO—On February 18 a parents' night and installation of officers was held by the Junior and Senior Fireside Groups. The program began with group games in the social hall, followed by the installation service in the sanctuary. The colored motion picture, "Kyoto Story," was shown. Specifications and plans for the new addition to the church plant have been approved and the contractor has been authorized to proceed with construction.

FAIRFAX—The annual meeting of the church was held on January 26. It was reported that a new electronic organ had been bought during the past year, a new worship center installed, and a study for the minister furnished. The largest undertaking was the purchase of a manse. This house was refinished by members of the Men's Club. A visitation campaign was conducted in the parish by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, March 5 to 7.

BERKELEY, NORTH — The fifth and sixth grade classes of the Church School are making a North Church historical scrapbook in anticipation of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the church in 1952. Saturday, March 3, was observed as a second "Christ's Work Day" by members of the Pilgrim Fellowship. A food sale was held by the Women's Auxiliary on February 28.

BENICIA—A Laymen's Fellowship has been meeting in this church for the past four months. They meet on the first Sunday evening of each month and have had as speakers a Mormon elder, a Jewish rabbi, an army officer, and a representative of the Friends Service Committee. The attendance at these meetings has been between 30 and 40 men. Plymouth Hall has been redecorated recently.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S —The new building at Laguna Honda Boulevard and Woodside Road is progressing. Twenty-five gifts and pledges amounting to $1,800 have been received, which will be used to furnish the church. Specific gifts have been given for altar pieces and pulpit. Mr. J. Altorfer is contributing the landscaping of the entire property.

MILL VALLEY, COMMUNITY—Rev. Gordon L. Foster has prepared a series of Lenten devotional readings which have been mailed out to the members of the church. These are for each day in Lent, beginning with a text and followed by pertinent comments by the pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER — At the annual meeting, the treasurer's report showed more than $28,000 raised for local and benevolent expenses. Forty-one new members were received during January. Some new memorial windows have been installed and dedicated. Rev. Torrance Phelps and Rev. Orval S. Clay are ministers.

REDWOOD CITY — During Lent the church has been open for brief noon worship or meditation, and in Holy Week there will be short sermons by various local ministers. Rev. Gale W. Engle, pastor, has been carrying on a Lenten series of Wednesday night talks on famous spiritual books. The church has petitioned the City Planning Commission for permission to erect a building on a 2½-acre site between Redwood Terrace and Westwood Terrace in a new subdivision of the city.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—Taking the place of the San Francisco Sunday Evening Club, which has provided a variety of programs during the past few months, Sunday evening worship services are being held during Lent. Dr. William E. McCormack is preaching a series of evening sermons on questions such as these: "What's Wrong With Suicide?" "Are There Ways to Defeat Fears?" "Is Public Morality Gone?" "Is Heaven a Myth?"

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—A new motion picture projector will be purchased from funds donated by the church and the Sunday School, and from benefit movies. The next step in the renovation of the building will be a remodeling of the front of the church. A special committee has been appointed to approve architectural plans for this project. Mr. Lyman Goon is chairman of this committee.

BERKELEY, FIRST — A farewell coffee hour, honoring Rev. and Mrs. David L. Evans, was held after the service on Sunday, February 25. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have gone to the First Congregational Church of Longmont, Colorado. Rev. David Stowe has been called as associate minister. Dr. Vere V. Loper is preaching a series of Lenten sermons on the theme, "The Fundamental Attitudes of Christ."

LODI, FIRST—Dr. Amos R. Boone is president of the Lodi Church Council and presided at the services of the "United Preaching Mission" which was held in Lodi February 18 to 25. A pastor's class for church membership has been conducted by Dr. Boone. The three foyers of the church have been repainted. The Mayflower Club served a dinner to about 400 people on February 6, the proceeds of which were given to the building fund.

PORT CHICAGO — A permanent choir stand has been contributed to the church by Herman Schmidt, W. S. Van Winkle, and John Stebbins. World Day of Prayer was observed, with a service in the church on February 8. Free motion pictures are being shown occasionally for the families of the church. The Pilgrim Fellowship young people conducted the service on February 4.

MARTINEZ—A candlelight communion service with devotional readings and poetry will be held Maundy Thursday. A special offering for Our Christian World Mission is to be taken at both services on Easter Sunday. The Breakfast Club members will meet on Easter with their wives as guests.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO—A total of $22,200 has been pledged for the Forward Movement program of this church. The church building is now being repainted, outside and inside. Color and design experts from four paint companies were consulted before the color scheme was accepted. The annual meeting of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches was held here on February 23.

ORINDA — A Lenten series of evening services is being held in this church on the general subject, "The Call of Christ." Guest speakers have been Rev. Robert L. Carlson, Mr. C. Ray Fowler, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, and Rev. Donald F. Gaylord. These services are being sponsored by the diaconate. Construction on the third unit of the church is proceeding rapidly. Dr. Clarence H. Holleman, veteran physician, recently returned from Amoy, China, was the speaker at the February church night dinner.

OROVILLE—The 94th anniversary of the founding of this church was observed on February 23 with a dinner. Visitation teams made calls in the community three evenings in February. Music is being broadcast from the tower of the church on week days at noon and in the evening. After-church forums are held following morning services for the discussion of questions and issues arising from the minister's sermons.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—Rev. Malcolm White, a returned missionary from China, spoke at the evening service on February 18. A Lenten class for all Church School teachers and parents is being conducted on Tuesday evenings. Plans for completing the present church chapel have been accepted. The flood condition in this parish has improved, but the danger of future damage is not yet over.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—The Pilgrim Fellowship group held its second annual midwinter retreat at Pinecrest, February 2 to 4, with an attendance of 24. Mrs. Galen M. Fisher spoke to the Women's Association on "Korea as I Remember It" on February 23. Sunday evening Lenten vespers are being conducted.

ANTIOCH—A men's club has been organized in this church, the first meeting being held on February 15. A house to house survey of the community has been carried on by the newly organized Antioch Council of Churches. Rev. Herbert Dimock was chairman of the visitation campaign.

PORTERVILLE—The annual Lincoln Day men's dinner was held on February 12. An address was given by Rev. J. A. Milligan. Boy Scout Sunday was observed on February 11.

SUNOL—The church year was begun with four members and it ended with 46. Nearly $200 was remitted on benevolences. The church Men's Club has been organized, meeting once a month. Improvements on the property have been made and are planned for the future. This is all due in large measure to the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker.

ALAMEDA—The mothers of the nursery and kindergarten Sunday School children are to meet once a month to discuss church school problems and projects and to be of assistance. Rev. Ralph V. Conard is the pastor.

ALTURAS—The budget for 1951 of this church was over-subscribed by $2,000 with many more returns expected. There was a net gain in membership in 1950 of 47, the total now standing at 290. Rev. Rowland H. Dow is leading in a strong program that reaches out into the far corners of the empire of Modoc.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE — Two members were received by confession in January, making a total membership of 58. Rev. Hiroshi Izumi is the pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will to be held on March 15, 1951, at First Church, Oakland.

There was no regular Federation meeting in February to report, but we bring certain matters of special interest to PACIFIC readers.

Recently Mrs. Floyd P. Brown made a most interesting report concerning Friendly Service. The quotas come from the national secretary, Miss Helen Frances Smith, of New York City, who may be on the Coast in the fall to tell of her work in person.

The purpose of Friendly Service is to give a lift to the various home and foreign mission stations of the Congregational Christian fellowship — the extra something which they need so badly but which cannot be purchased from the funds allotted to them.

In the year 1950, the Northern California women's groups have given gifts valued at over $2,000 to the following: 7 schools and colleges, 6 hospitals, migrant work in the western area, Delmo in Missouri, Micronesia, Africa, India, Japan, the Philippines, and the Leper dispensary in South India. The things sent have ranged from used clothing through health kits, magazines, soap, powdered milk, vitamins, Sunday School and hospital supplies, sheets and other linens, to cash for x-ray machine and other supplies.

Just as an example of what this help means to the recipients, here is an excerpt from a letter received by the Paradise Winslow Circle: "Your generous gift to Piedmont College is gratefully acknowledged. We are delighted to have this splendid assortment of clothing. All the lovely garments are greatly in demand in our Thrift Shop. . . . The Thrift Shop is a thriving little enterprise now, serving our students and faculty members as well as the community all through the year. The students employed there are receiving fine experience in salesmanship and public relations under faculty supervision as well as financial aid in completing their college education."

Piedmont College is located in a small town, Demorest, Georgia (population 729). It is not just a spot on the map. It is a Congregational Christian college which is glowing with life, high ideas, service to our country, and plans for the future.

Three hundred students are enrolled this year, of whom 80 are veterans. They live in a Christian atmosphere and shape their purposes and ideals in terms of the best Christian thinking. During its 53 years, Piedmont has graduated nearly a thousand youth. Half of these are teachers in American schools, the majority in Georgia. Others are nurses, workers in chemical and cotton gin companies, and, of course, a large number are homemakers. The Thrift Shop is a rather new venture and a very successful one, thanks to such help as Paradise has sent.

Mrs. Brown asks that the names of all Friendly Service chairmen be sent to her on a postcard, so she may make up a list for the new Friendly Service secretary who will be elected at the annual meeting in April. (Her address is 3029 N. Eldorado Street, Stockton. Will presidents please DO THIS NOW?)

Women's Rallies: As this issue of the PACIFIC goes to the printer, the rallies are being held in the seven Associations with each president presiding in her area. The program of the Sacramento Association will show what is being given in all. Oroville is the host church, and delegates from far away Modoc and Trinity counties attend.

Morning Session:

Greetings and response—Mrs. Harry E. Drobish and the Reno Federated Church delegation.

"The Christian's Place in the New India"—Mrs. Florence Moulton, of India, Guest Speaker.

Reports from the Local Women's Organizations.

Devotions—Mrs. Elinor Heath and musicians from Sierra Arden.

Lunch and Continuation of Reports.

Afternoon Session:

Hymn.

Report of Nominating Committee.

"Is This the Time?"—Mrs. Grace Buckham, President of Federation, Guest Speaker.

Concluding Session:
(to which men are invited)

"The Growing Age of the Church in India"—Mrs. Florence Moulton.

Discussion.

Benediction and Adjournment.

The women of Eden Congregational Church of Hayward have extended an invitation to the Federation to hold the Annual Meeting in their fine new church. April 20 is the date and the program committee is planning a fine day. Dr. Vere V. Loper, Moderator of the General Council as well as pastor of First Church, Berkeley, will be one of the speakers. His topic will be "The Pulse of Congregationalism in the Nation." Mrs. Buckham will give her report of the Mid-Winter Meetings in Grand Rapids the end of January.

Mrs. Scott Haymond, as general manager, and her committee are at work planning **Spring Session** and a fine program is assured. The dates chosen are April 30, May 1 and 2, and the place, of course, is Congregational Cazadero. Those who are eligible to go are lucky people and will have a wonderful time working, playing, and living together. If anyone has a special topic or problem she would like discussed, she should write to Mrs. Haymond, 180 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley 8, right away, so that she can work it into the agenda.

May 18-20 are the dates for the Annual Meeting of the Conference, and it is to be held in Pilgrim Church, Fresno, as you know. Are you remembering that Mrs. Buckham, Federation President, is planning a special dedication of the Woman's Gift, with the local presidents taking part in the service? She has asked that each local group send its president as a delegate, pay her expenses, and ask her to tell about the Conference on her return.

Porterville: A wonderful year is reported from this church. The women are perpetuating a traditional "Colonial Tea" held annually on the Saturday nearest Washington's birthday, an event which calls for the best of musical entertainment and lovely decorations and never fails to attract an appreciative attendance. A joint committee of older and younger women, some in old-time dresses, serve as hostesses. The one held last month is considered "one of the best." A committee is preparing to send a large collection of Christmas cards to the mission field, and the group is continuing to give ten dollars a month to missions as a memorial to Mrs. Meda Herald, a former much-loved member.

Fresno: The Women's Club of the First Congregational Church are thrilled with their new church and are helping the Greggs initiate their new parsonage. There are nine circles, one of which is made up of teachers and other professional women who meet in the evening. The Thank Offering this year was $197! The Women's Club is sponsoring a class in first aid given by the Red Cross. It sponsored an evening party recently for the displaced persons in that area. They have purchased $500 worth of new dishes. A small picture of the church appears on each piece as a crest. Two hundred place settings were secured. They have entertained the women of the Japanese Church and have been entertained by the Jewish Synagogue women's groups, at which time Mr. Gregg was the speaker. In April, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart LeRoy Anderson are to be guests for a week at the parsonage and will help initiate the new parsonage as well as have several speaking engagements. Mrs. Anderson will speak to the Women's Club.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Our Congregational Christian Service Committee is one of the agencies through which "One Great Time for Sharing" offerings will find their goal.

Serves over 1,000,000 people in the following countries: Greece, Lebanon, Italy, France, Germany, England, India, and China. **Conducts** Work Camps in Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, England, Cyprus, Japan, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the United States.

Supports (full or part time) 69 leaders overseas, sponsored 108 Americans in work camps.

Directs feeding programs, medical and dental clinics, schools, summer camps, scholarship aid, clothing distributions, leadership training, pastoral work, D. P. resettlement, food parcel service and hostel.

Sponsors Work Camp: reconstruction, decorating, remodeling of buildings (for youth centers and churches), construction of foundations for building, and of playgrounds, harvesting and drying fruit.

Sent overseas last year: 59,809 pounds of new and used clothing, food, medical supplies, soap, books, etc., 1,371 food parcels (13 pounds each).

Brought over 1,400 persons (595 families) to the U. S. under the Displaced Persons Program in 1949-50. More than 3,250 persons are scheduled for resettlement by our Service Committee in 1951.

Church World Service is another agency representing us. It is now a department within the National Council of Churches. Its 1951 progra includes:

Completion of Displaced Perso Program.

Material relief supplies (includi CROP).

Interchurch aid and service to re gees through World Council Churches.

Relief and Reconstruction in A through Division of Foreign Missio of the National Council.

Such auxiliary agency programs **Orphaned Missions** and **Y.M.C.A.** a **Y.W.C.A.**

Church World Service maintains warehouse for clothing in care Pacific Ports Industries, Inc., 109 Russet Street, Oakland, Californ Ten cents per pound for overse delivery must accompany the good

A FAREWELL MESSAG FROM S. H. BUCKHAM

Since May 15, 1947, I have be on the staff of the Northern Califor Congregational Conference as Direct of Church Extension. This has be a most happy association, but a call become pastor of the First Congreg tional Church of Boulder, Colorad beckons to new fields of service. It difficult to leave this Conference whe Mrs. Buckham and I have so ma close friends and so many delightf acquaintances throughout the ar Working with Harley Gill, Wim Me er, Esther Ericson, and Pauline Lo on the Conference team and wi many others on Conference comm tees has been a rich experience. B Mrs. Buckham and I would like to a Colorado to our list of "happy home which now includes Hawaii, Southe California, Vermont, and Northe California. We think that an inla parish, at the foot of the Rocky Mou tains, will be very much to our likin

We therefore bid you farewell, a we thank all of you for your frien ship and support during the past fo years. Come and see us in Boulde

—S.H.

The sky is turning dark:
We're going to have a squall.
Open your umbrella,
For the atom bomb will fall.
Starch the bedroom curtains,
Shine the silver tray,
Put on a little make-up—
Here comes the Judgment Day.

. . . . . .

The season of questions is over,
The winter of asking is done, . .
Christ is the great affirmation:
Love is the only reply.

—Edith Lovejoy Pierce.

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